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Act one

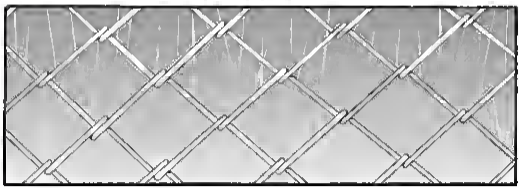
IF I COULD JUST
PORGET YOU,
I COULD GO
BACK TO NORMAL.

IF I COULD JUST
THROW AWAY ALL OF
THE BAD MEMORIES,
I'D KISS YOU.
I'D HOLD YOU.
I'D WANT YOU
LIKE CRAZY.

IT'S NOT FRIENDSHIP.
IT'S NO LONGER PITY.
IS IT LOVE?
IS IT LUST?

I CAN FEEL YOUR WARM BREATH, BUT YOU'RE SO FAR AWAY...

Ritsuro.
I love you
I don't need anyone else. All I need is you!



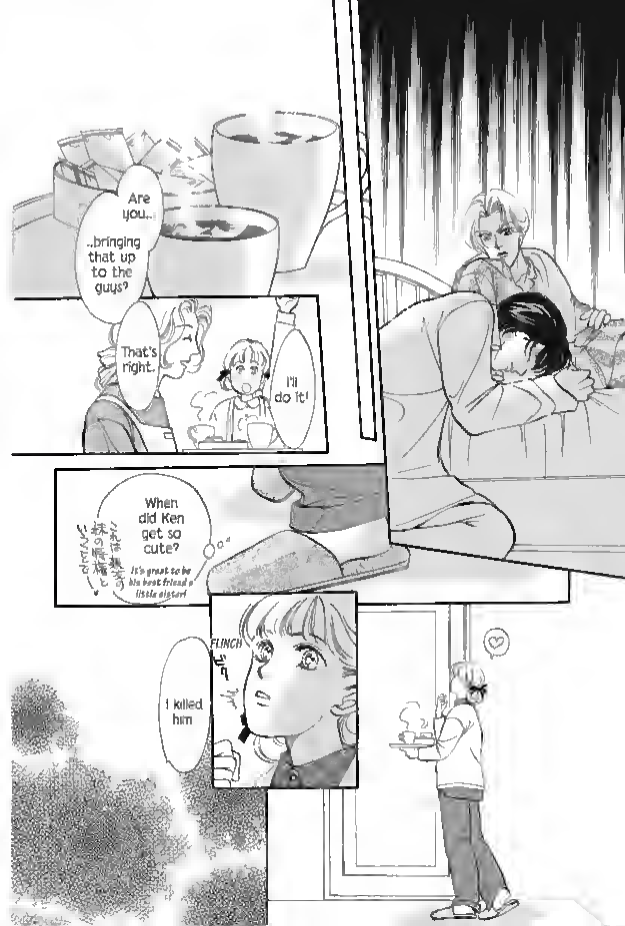
DISTRICT 8
PARK
I'm sorry, Maeko.

There's nothing for you to apologize about Ritsuro
Didn't I already tell you? I'm your friend.
I understand
I get it, OK?
Moeko
You've got to come tomorrow! I'll be waiting!
SPLASH

SORRY.
KEN.
I REALIZED HOW FULL OF MYSELF I WAS.
I THOUGHT I KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.
BUT THERE'S A PART OF KEN AMAFUJI...
...THAT I DON'T KNOW...

You're soaking wet! Go take a shower. I'll get you some clothes.
Ken?!
Sorry.
You know where it is right? Go on ahead.
It's fine.
So, did you want fried chicken for lunch tomorrow?
I'm sure they'll feed us on the plane.
Will they?
I ran into him outside. Sorry for the trouble.
It's so late. What happened?

You came here just to ask me that?
Okinawa.
The class trip's tomorrow?
Where are you going?
It's SO SAD
I'm sorry Ritsuro.
You keep saying that.
I'm sorry, Ritsuro!


Are you..
..bringing that up to the guys?
That's right.
I'll do it!
When did Ken get so cute?
It's great to be his best friend's little sister!
FLINCH!
I killed him

No. Really, it was just me
Kazuyoshi and me
We killed a guy
I made Yu commit suicide
What re you. ?
He jumped from the eighth floor

He survived, but he fell into a coma
He died... ...a few days ago.
KEN?
Who's Yu?
CRYING?

FSHHHH
FSHHHH
FSHHHH
You're crying.
Off you go Take care!
FSHHH
RIING
TERR
Mom
Ken kind of scares me
Nami?
RIING...
TERR
RIING

I hope Ritsuro's OK
Yoshinari residence.
What? The flight's been canceled due to heavy rains?
Class Trip Postponed!
Unfortunately it'll be class as usual today—
...due to the rain. I guess it's what you might call an act of Heaven and Earth.
The only absences are Kobashi and Yoshinari

Not feeling well?
Moeko Kobashi isn't feeling well today
What is it, Kubota?
Sir!
I see. And apparently Yoshinari jumped the gun and headed straight for the airport. Man, I can't believe they're our homeroom committee leaders!
The airport?
FSHHHH
FSHHHH
FSHHHH
He can't be...
That dumb-ass

You're going to see Yu right?
I feel like if I push you away now... I'll lose you forever
Is this OK? Your trip
I don't care
But the idea of holding on scares me just as much.
The side of you that I don't know, might just hurt me.
And if that happens...
Will I be able to tell you that I love you?

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Shusuke kawai
河合修介
優一
Yuichi
I made Yu commit suicide
You re

Ken Amafuji, right?
I'm so sorry I—
So you came.
It's a bit of a mess, but please come in. Why don't you light a stick of incense? I'm sure Yuichi will be pleased
Go ahead.
Huh?
YUICHI KAWAI
REST IN PEACE

I just went though his things.
What's this?
I found this in the pocket of his sweater
His diary He talks about you in it
FLUTTER
Ken, something fell out
About me?!

!
He was quiet and not very studious Or cheerful, either.
He was bullied in junior high
TH-THUMP
THIS is Yu?
HE LOOKS LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON IN THIS PHOTO
To see Yu smiling like this...
What a surprise! I'm his father and I never saw him smile like that

looked up to you
He really
He really admired you
FLIP
wouldn't mind...you kn
I guess I love Ken.
I love him, love him...
I truly am messed up.
Where's
..Yu buried?
women he's slept with
If I were a woman I
wouldn't mind...you know..
I truly am messed up.

YU-
YUICHI KAWAI WAS IN LOVE WITH KEN.
KLAK
KLAK
"LOOKED UP TO HIM?"
NEXT TRAIN
NON STOP TO KAWA
FSHHH
FSHHH
IT'S WEIRD TO THINK OF HOW A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT FEELS FOR ANOTHER BOY AS LOVE.
I KNOW HOW THAT FEELS.
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
BUT...
KLAK
Some college students I knew invited me to a party at a club I went to sometimes.
KLAK
It was only a year ago.
Ken?
KLIK

I went with Yu and the son of the man my mother was going to marry
Kazuyoshi
It wasn't a normal party
They had cocaine.
They offered some to us Said it'd make us forget our problems
Did you take it?
There's more
HUH?

IT WAS LIKE A HAREM OR A ZOO IN THERE.
NO ONE KNEW IF IT WAS ALL REALLY HAPPENING OR IF IT WAS JUST A DREAM...
AND I...
Ken, you've done too much! You gotta stop!
Shut up!
Hey Yu
You've never done it with anyone right?
Let's go home Ken.

I hate it when you're like this!
So, do you.
SHOVE
...like me?
How exactly do you like me? Tell me
Ken...
I like you...
THUD

You wanna fuck?
You look like you're dying for it.
I don't want that!
SLAP
I don't
BLUSH
You're such a liar Yu
I REMEMBER...
THE WAY YU ALWAYS LOOKED AT MY BODY

KICK
!!
No!
Hold him down, Kazuyoshi!
GULP
I TOLD MYSELF IT WAS WHAT HE WANTED
KKK!!
-GRP-

Ken!
PANT
PANT
PANT
Ken
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
Your turn Kazuyoshi
PANT
Why the hell are you shaking? You scared?
Idiot.
THE DRUGS ERASED MY GUILT.

I get it.
SNIFF
Fooling around?
Enjoy it, Yu
This is all a dream. We're just fooling around in a dream
I HURT HIM SO BADLY
HIS HEART AND HIS BODY
I DROVE YU TO IT

Ritsu
Don't say any more!
I'm so fucked up
I SHOULD HAVE PUSHED HIM AWAY
I knew you'd be here
How?
I thought you might come to ask for forgiveness

I remember it so clearly
The day we heard Yu killed himself..
IWASAKI
SPLASH
...you didn't even blink an eye You just said,
"Don't run, Kazu-yoshi."
You made me an accomplice, and then *you* ran!
How could you, Ken?!

KEN!
SPLASH
THUD
Yuichi isn't the only one you hurt!
Go on, hit me again.
For Yu's sake, too!
I'm going to!

WHAM
That's why I came!
BAM
QUIVER

I was scared of you but I was in love with you...just like Yuichi
You were like an animal in my eyes...
...afraid of nothing, acting on instinct
COUGH
COUGH
...but I was happy we were going to be brothers
It was weird being in love with a guy...
I couldn't believe it when the wedding was called off, but
But I believed things wouldn't change between us.
Kazu-yoshi...

Why didn't I do you instead of Yuichi that day?!
Now I regret it!
Why didn't I hurt you instead?!
KEN...
Dammit!
YOU AND IWASAKI...?
KEN...

Ritsu–
Ken, you dumbass.
You're such a dumbass!
Move!
No.

Then I'll kick your ass, too!
Go ahead
Yoshinari
You always
piss me off.

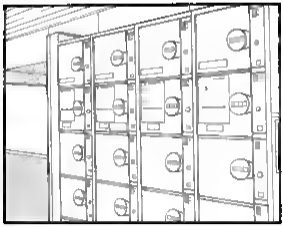
You're such a Goody Two-shoes.
You're screwed if you stick with him He'll mess you up
And if you already know that, why are you still together?
Because I'm the only one who can change Ken

No matter how awful Ken is...
...I know that he can change for me.
I'm not...
...with Ken just for sex.
I'm not.

You really are.
You're the dumbass
Iwasaki?
SPLASH
SSSHHHH
DRIP
FAMILY GRAVE

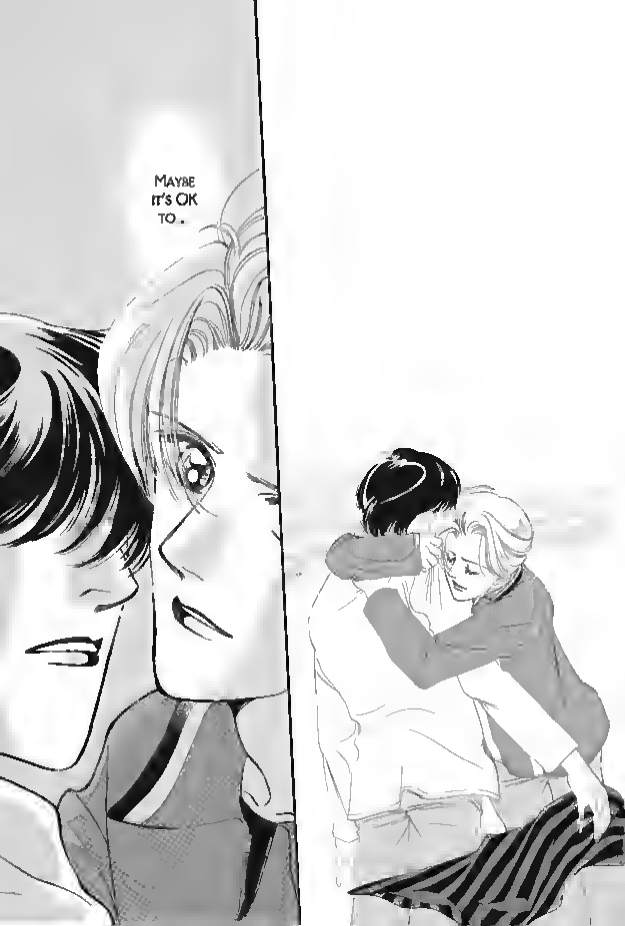
KAWAI FAMILY
河合家先祖代々

I'm not going to hurt anyone again

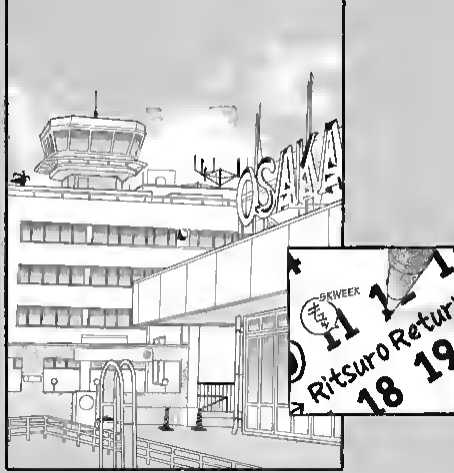


Your mom and dad and Nami are probably worried
If Kazuyoshi's here the flight must've been canceled
Go to Okinawa
Can you give me a chance?
Ken?
I'll get a real job and cook and clean for myself
I'm gonna be a different person when you get back.

FLOP
Because I want to be close to you.


MAYBE
IT'S OK
TO .

...BE SELFISH A LITTLE BIT LONGER.
I believe in you
No matter.
...what tomorrow may bring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SKIWEEK
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Ritsuro Retur
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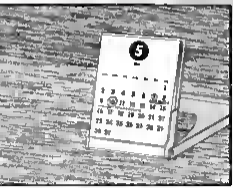

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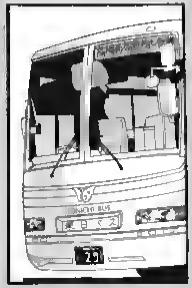


SO I LEFT KEN IN OSAKA...

...AND WENT TO OKINAWA WITH MY CLASS.

OKINAWA: DAY ONE
HA HA HA!
I STAYED FOUR DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS.

IWASAKI...

I couldn't believe it when the wedding was called off but...
but I was happy we were going to be brothers.
it was weird being in love with a guy...
But I believed things wouldn't change between us.
MAYBE I HAD THE WRONG IDEA.
MAYBE IWASAKI WASN'T THE ONLY ONE IN THE WRONG.

Wow what a cool hotel!
It's so glamorous! ♡
Awesome!
This is the new hotel building that's set to open this summer. You guys are staying in the building over there.
Whaat?!
えっ
HOTEL
WELCOME TO OKINAWA!

NOT SEEING YOU FOR THREE WHOLE NIGHTS!

I WANT TO SEE YOU SOON.
I'M ANXIOUS ABOUT IWASAKI BUT ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS ONE THING.
HOTEL
SOON!
CHAK
Ken!
RIING
RIING
BIP
BIP
BIP
BIP
2
3
4
5
6
7
9
=
COINS HERE

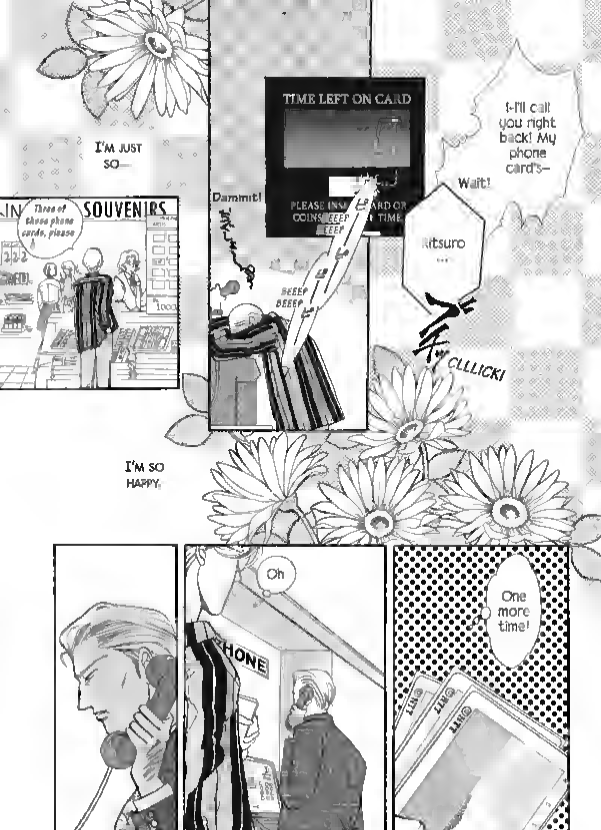
He's not home?
Ha ha.
FIDGET
KEN?
RIING
RIING
RIING
RIING
RIING
KCHAK
TIME LEFT ON CARD
Ritsuro?!
SHOCK
SLIP
I actually prayed for once! "Please don't let him hang up!"
—and it took me forever to find the key
Sorry! I'm locking the door when I go out like you told me to—

What would you have done if it wasn't me?
Who else would it be?
It could only be you!
HEH HEH
Ritsuro? This is Ritsu right?
!
☆
TH THUMP
I FEEL LIKE IF I OPEN MY MOUTH, MY HEART WILL POUR OUT
You there?
Ritsuro?
I...

I WANT TO LISTEN TO YOU FOREVER!
Hey Ritsuro
I got a job today
WHAT?
Really?!
KA-THUMP

Wh-what was that sound? Ken?
Why d
Why d you yell like that?! You scared me!
I was just so happy!
KEN?
What now you're quiet?

THROB
I...
I'm really sorry I worried you for so long, Ritsuro.
I...
I WANT TO SEE YOU
So where are you working?
You know that pizza place at the station? Pizza Texas? I'm a delivery guy.
PHONE
Uh huh. Yeah, I see.
You sound like an old man!
SOON—
TIME LEFT ON CARD
CLICK
ALREADY?!
Huh?
Ritsuro?
CLICK
TIME LEFT ON CARD
What is it?


I'M JUST SO—
SOUVENIRS
Three of these phone cards, please.
TIME LEFT ON CARD
PLEASE INSERT CARD OR COINS
BEEP BEEP
Dammit!
I'll call you right back! My phone card's—
Wait!
Ritsuro ...
CLLLICK!
I'M SO HAPPY.
PHONE
Oh
One more time!

So, how is Kazuyoshi?
Guess I'll use the phone on the other floor.
It looks serious. He'll probably take awhile.
PHO
Muh?
He's on a class trip in Okinawa? No one told me that
GASP
N-No.
Then again, maybe I did heard...

Sorry for the wait.
IT CAN'T BE.
KAZUYOSHI?
I'm sorry, I've got to go
All right, then
Um. are you here on business? You sound like you're from Osaka
Huh?
Mr. Iwasaki the manager needs to see you.
IWASAKI?

I KNEW IT!
The new building?
HE'S THE GUY KEN'S MOTHER ALMOST MARRIED
HE WAS GOING TO BE KEN'S STEPFATHER.
IT COULD BE A COINCIDENCE THEY HAVE THE SAME NAME BUT.
AND HE'S... THAT JERK'S FATHER?
Yes, I'm in charge of the new building's design.
Have you seen it? I've been going back and forth for over a year, and it's finally finished.
Ken? It's me
This time we'll be able to talk for-

You don't know how to change a vacuum bag?!
Huh?!
Ken?! What's that noise?
ウォーン VROOOM
VROOOM
Ritsuro, help!
VROOOM
ウォーン
VROOOM
Just turn it off!
ウォーン
VROOOM
MAN.
WELL, HE'S MAKING PROGRESS.
It's your fault for not calling back right away.
I got bored, so I decided to try cleaning.
Yeah yeah.

Ding-dong
ピンポンパンポン
まもなく10時です
大阪府立高槻西高校の
3年生のみなさんは
就寝前に
点呼をとりますので
部屋に戻って下さい
It is now 10 pm
Students from West
Takatsuki High School
in Osaka
must return to
their rooms for
roll call before
lights out
Oh!
I'll call
you
tomorrow
Don't
worry
about it.
You'll spend
a fortune
on phone
cards.
But.
And I'll see
you in a
few days.
OK?
OK
See
ya!
Oh
Ken!
What?
NOT AGAIN.
I—I—
What
is it?

There
Fine.
Put your lips near the phone
BLUSH
You need a good-night kiss?
Heh heh heh.
KEN
.. THE SOUND OF YOUR BREATH REMINDS ME OF

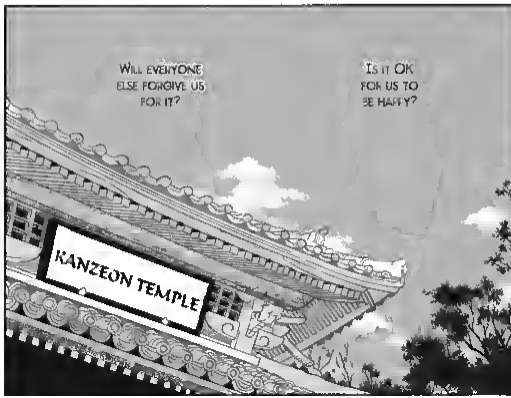
He knew I'd be here, and he didn't say anything.
Sir?
West Takatsuki?
西高校高等学校 ご一行様
WEST TAKATSUKI HIGH SCHOOL PARTY
(株)入江産業 ご一行様
IRIE COMPANY PARTY
Senior Class 7 Group E. I'm taking roll!
Ota!
Here!
Ise!
Here!
Hakait-su!
Here!
Iwa-saki!
Yoshi-nari!
Uh here!

Follow the rules Iwasaki!
I told you not to go out on the balcony!
OK.
You're a homeroom committee leader: keep an eye on him
Come back inside, Iwasaki.

SPLASSSH
Shut up
SEEING HIM LIKE THAT...
SPLASSSH
ガラッ
RATTLE
Come on out Michiru It feels great!
Oh you shouldn't be out there!
SPLASSSH
Heh heh-

The sound of the waves is so soothing, isn't it?
It really does!
Maybe I'll sleep outside tonight.
What?
SPLASSSH
Like it'll wash away all the bad things
Moeko?
Did something happen?
Ha ha. Does it look like it?

I just...
...want to be in a better mood tomorrow. that's all.
OKINAWA DAY TWO
EEE!
YAAAY!
YAHOO!
HEY, KEN.
I'm your friend
I told you.


WILL EVERYONE ELSE FORGIVE US FOR IT?
IS IT OK FOR US TO BE HAPPY?
KANZEON TEMPLE

I'm clocking out now.
Good work today! You'll be working the late shift tomorrow, so be prepared!
Just leave it to me!
He's a good kid.
Call it a delivery.
Here's one to go, sir!
PIZZA-TEXAS

I guess it's silly to think I'll get a letter since I didn't get a phone call
CREAK
Huh?
Stephanie
Stephanie

You knew it was one of my projects.
honey, how ar
miss you. I reall
you, Ken. Since
I dream abou
Why didn't you let me know you were coming?!
I didn't wanna see your stupid face!
So why did you come if you knew you'd be staying in this hotel?
You must have hoped that you'd run into—
Get over yourself!

Sir?
Kazu-yoshi!
You got lucky!
Real lucky Ken's mom may have dumped you but you were able to move on...
To your assistant, who happens to be a divorcee with a kid! Didn't go very far did you?

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Sir?!
That's enough!
Or were you with her the whole time?
Maybe that's *your* kid.
You think I don't know anything?
You should've just told me.
Kazu-yoshi?

I still remember ...
We'll be stepbrothers, but we're the same age
when I first met the guy who was going to become my stepbrother
I thought you felt the same
But just one year later
A year later and you've got a new bitch?!

He's all I have since I lost my wife
THAT'S IWASAKI'S
You must be very worried about your son
I reserved a seat so I could return home as soon as my work here was finished.
SOUVEN
I see. You're returning on tonight's flight after all.
Now I have her and her child as well, but...
THAT WOMAN— I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST HIS ASSISTANT
But you will come back to Okinawa for the ceremony, won't you? I mean, we have that fabulous wedding hall of your own design.
HE'S GETTING REMARRIED?!

Did you... did you see Kazuyoshi?
Oh, you're the boy from last night.
You know Kazu-yoshi?
Was he happy to hear the news?
His face changed
Excuse me.
For some reason, I..

I...
SPLASSH
SPLASSH
FLUMP

I've been looking everywhere for you. I want to apologize.
I made you into the bad guy
about your feelings for Ken
I was wrong...
I'm sorry, Iwasaki
GRAB

What're you--?!
Iwasaki?!
WHUMP
Wha..?
What are--
JOLT

Stop!
Ken...
He's real gentle with you, isn't he?
Heh

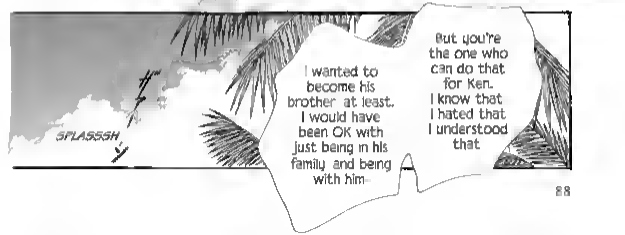
Iwasaki.
GRAB
Oh...
I'm gonna fuck up
...that body that Ken loves so much!
I don't want...
...to hate you
I want... I want to...
under stand you
What're you ?
I don't

You're so much like Ken.
FOR SOME REASON I...
THAT'S HOW I FELT.
Iwa-saki...
AND I THINK YOU REALIZED IT, TOO.

EVERYTHING KEN DID TO GET BACK AT HIS MOTHER...
...HE MISTOOK FOR STRENGTH.
AND YU, THAT JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT: IT WAS THE SAME FOR HIM.
THAT'S WHY YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH KEN.
YOU WANTED TO BE LIKE HIM.
What makes you say that?
You're really weak.
You lash out and hurt people like you're carrying a knife, because inside you're fragile

IWASAKI...
But you can't do that in the arms of the person you love, can you?

I know I understand.
We're so alike, and the only thing we can do is lick each other's wounds


SPLASSSH
I wanted to become his brother at least. I would have been OK with just being in his family and being with him-
But you're the one who can do that for Ken. I know that I hated that I understood that

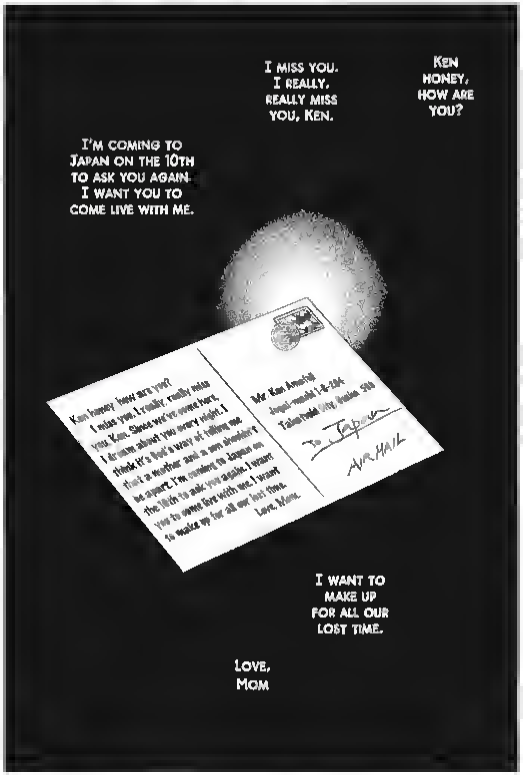
But my dad betrayed me
How could he fall in love with another woman after only a year? How?!
I know it doesn't make any sense
Try getting together and talking to him again
You have to hurry your dad's leaving tonight
?!
IF NOTHING ELSE, ..
KRK
..YOUR DAD NEEDS YOU

SLAM
No.
That was nothing but unrequited love on my part
Was that woman.
why you ended it with Ken's. with Ms Amafuji?
He was a photographer and didn't make much money- so fortune smiled on me for a while but
A man eight years her junior
She had someone else
Sir?
I lost Ms. Amafuji and discovered love right next to me

You gonna marry her?
HOP
Yes
I don't believe it!
JOLT
SMILE
TUG TUG
I don't want a family anymore
Son it's not too late Just open your heart to us...

We'll wait as long as it takes.
Ken?
PHON
Sorry. I couldn't help calling
Can you give me a chance?
Because I want to be close to you
KEN...
Hold me..

I'm about to do it myself
Hurry
Huh?
Ritsu
Kan honey, how are you?
I miss you. I really, really miss you Kan. Since we've been here, I dream about you every night. I think it's been a very, very long time. That a warfare and a war therefore separate I'm sending to Japan so the fight to ask you again. I want you to meet live with me. I want to make up for all our lost time.
Love, Mom
Mr. Kan Amachi
Jinsai-machi 1-8-104
Fukuroishi-City Hokkai-Do
To Japan
AIR MAIL


KEN HONEY, HOW ARE YOU?
I MISS YOU. I REALLY, REALLY MISS YOU, KEN.
I'M COMING TO JAPAN ON THE 10TH TO ASK YOU AGAIN. I WANT YOU TO COME LIVE WITH ME.
Ken honey, how are you? I miss you. I really, really miss you Ken. Since we've never been apart, I do mean about you every night. I do mean about you every night. I think it's just a way of telling me that a mother and a son shouldn't be apart. I'm resident in Japan on the 10th to ask you again. I want you to come live with me. I want to make up for all our lost time.
Love, Mom
Mr Ken Amorig
Angel-mandel 14-204
Takamatsu city Asahe 580
Japan
AIRMAIL
I WANT TO MAKE UP FOR ALL OUR LOST TIME.
LOVE, MOM

Ken?
What
is it?

Will you bring it to me as fast as you can?
The day after tomorrow, when I get to the airport...
...I'm going to order a pizza.
Ritsuro...
I want to see you.
OK? I'm not a kid, I'm not going to throw a tantrum.

I WISH I COULD TOUCH YOU RIGHT NOW
I NEED TO SEE YOU.
When I get home you're gonna get so sick of me.
Our specialty is the "Mexican Pizza"
Huh?
IS HE LAUGHING?
PHONE
You weren't kidding right? I'll deliver it to the airport for you.
Huh?
Only I can't promise it'll get there in 30 minutes.
Huh?

I'll go to the apartment and wait for you there, OK? Don't skip out!
You idiot.
I'll go
I-I can't let you skip out on work like that!
KRUMPL
Aw, man! Fine
Hmph
Well see you the day after tomorrow
Yeah.
Bye

KEN.
BEEEP BEEEP
BEEEP BEEEP
You're all I need.

STOMP STOMP STOMP
ドドドドドド
2階大広間に集合して下さい
Please meet in the Second Floor lobby
高槻西高校のみなさんは全体集会を始めますのでご
Students from West Takatsuki High have an assembly now
わっ Ack!
SLAM
Mr. Yumioka!
Huh?
HOTEL PRESTIGE

I stayed up all night making this costume! And you're not going to wear it?
Moeko?
I won't let you get away!
K-Kobashi how can I wear that?!
HUH?
Ritsu-ro...
Huh?

GLARE
I suppose I have no choice
Y-yeah.
And you too, Mr. Yumioka! You'd better get ready!
SMILE
The assembly's starting
Huh?
!
Did he just glare at me?
I'll help out
We don't need your help!
Michiru and I can handle it ourselves. You get the audience together.
We're fine
You don't need to attend!

DRESSING ROOM
K CHAK
MR. YUMIOKA?
4
What's so great about Yoshinari?
Do you...
...still like him?
He's my good friend.
And you're OK with that?
Sir?

You're too nice to Yoshinari!
You're the one who got hurt.
You're too nice. He dumped you, right?
You looked like you were forcing yourself earlier
I wasn't
You just don't get it!
He was hurt just as much as I was No it may have been *harder* for him!
I'm not the only one who hurt him But Ritsuro still chose *him*

Even if I'm the only one making the effort I can't just forget him
So, I...
I want to be a friend that he can always count on
Kobashi

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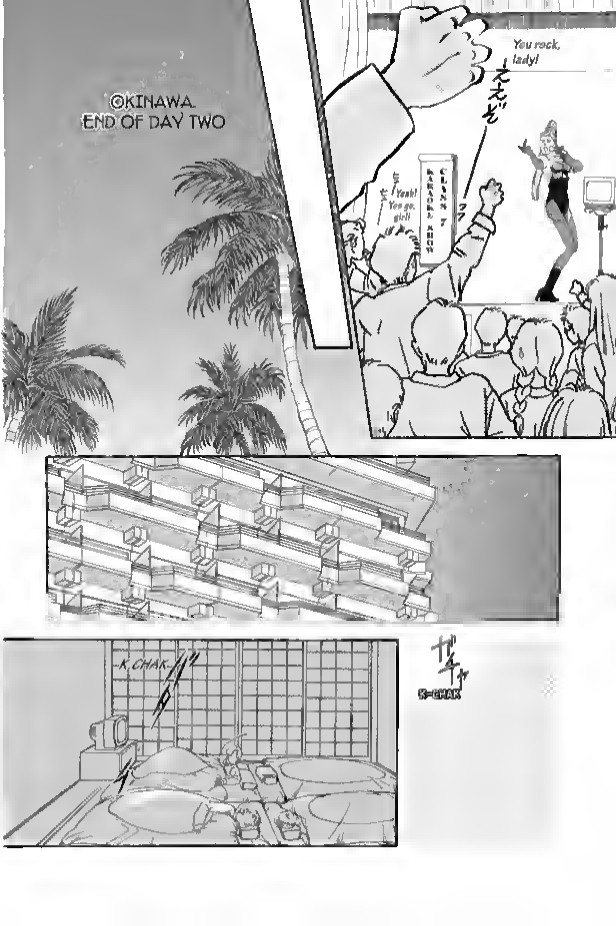
Ever since that day,
I can't stop thinking about you.
Sir??

Ko-bash!
I can't do this
I...
KNOCK KNOCK

WAP
OK! OK then!
Time to get changed!
I guess it's too late to say no
Huh?
Moekoooo!
It's almost our turn!
K CHAK

What?
SCRATCH SCRATCH
FWIP
Moeko?
Let's hurry
EVENT HALL
CLAP
We aren't a bunch of old folks!
Whose bright idea was it to have an assembly on our class trip?!
This sucks.
Next up, Class 7!

SHOCK
You'd better sing with me!
BAM
KARAOKE SHOW CLASS 7
Y-Yumioka?!
Eek!
These boobs!
Th-this is what she stayed up all night making?
M Moeko!
Aw man Linda Yamamoto?!
SHARPSHOOT

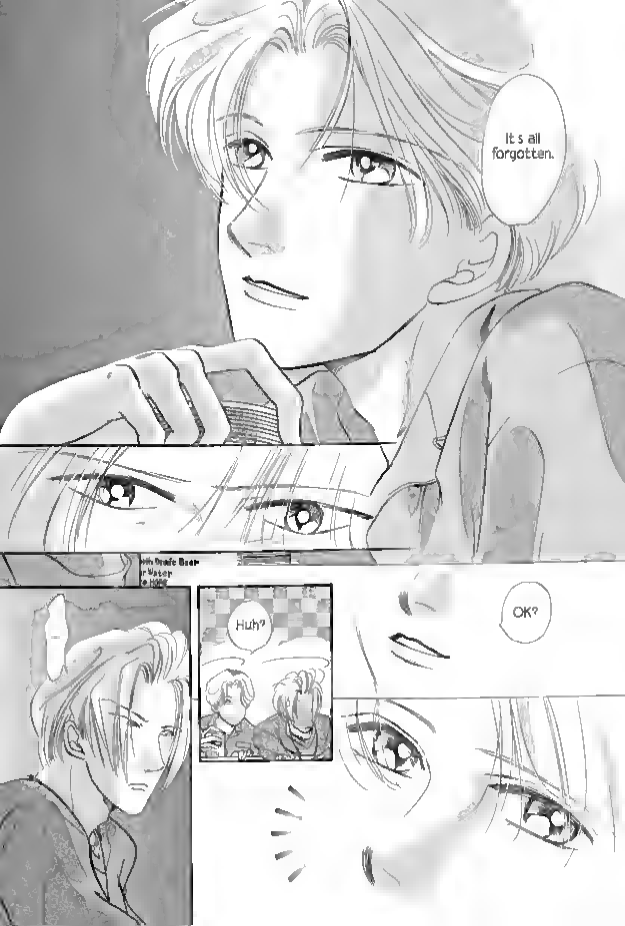

OKINAWA
END OF DAY TWO
You rock, lady!
Yeah! You go, girl!
CLEAN 7
K-CHAK
K-CHAK

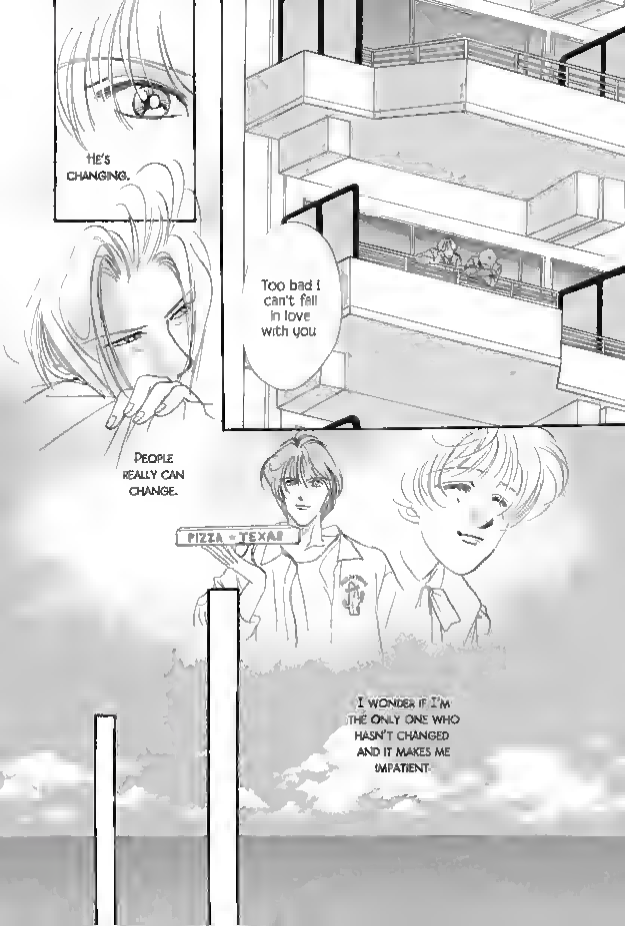
You're back.
So, you did see him. That's great.
-RATTLE-
Here's a souvenir
SWAY
Iwasaki, are you drun-
I saw my dad off at the airport.
SPLASSSH

You like Ken, don't you?
When did I stop liking people?
That's over
Iwasaki
PSSSHHH
Ken's real gentle with you, isn't he?

I don't expect you to forgive me
Yoshi-nari
I'm gonna stop doing shitty things to him just because he doesn't want me.
This is so pathetic. I can't even apologize without liquid courage
I'm so ashamed...
...of what I did to you

SWIP
MALT-O
This is great!
Can I have some of this?
We were friends first.
You OK with that?


It's all forgotten.
Huh?
OK?


HE'S CHANGING.
Too bad I can't fall in love with you
PEOPLE REALLY CAN CHANGE.
PIZZA - TEXAS
I WONDER IF I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T CHANGED AND IT MAKES ME IMPATIENT.

OKINAWA: DAY THREE

OSAKA: DAY THREE

Leave it to me!
Oh?
Amafuji! Can you do this delivery?
I'm back!
All right! I'm counting on you!
PIZZA ☆ TEXAS
BAM
Here's the receipt.
Who's ordering so many pizzas this late?
FURUKAWA
(0720) 78-XXXX
Bessho Hommachi Eighth Precinct 9-X
PIZZA&TEXAS
Tokohuki, Tokohuki City
☎(0726)00-0000
fax 00-0000

What? Someone you know?
No
Furukawa?
I'M GOING TO WORK MY ASS OFF TODAY
VROOM
PIZZA
Take care!
Well I'm off then!
It's a common name.
THEN I'LL SLEEP LIKE A LOG TONIGHT.
IT'LL BE MORNING BEFORE I KNOW IT I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW
I'LL SEE YOU

古川
FURUKAWA
Pizza Texas!
TTING
DING DONG

K-CHAK
How much?
That'll be 23,700 ye-

Ken?
How many men have you slept with? How many women?
You'll never change. You'll never stop.
Shall I remind you how it feels?
Say another word...
...and I'll kill you!

Katsu-nori?
Jolt
Fujikawa. So that's why I recognized the name.
Where's the pizza?
Rey
It's Ken, right?

What's with the outfit?
Oh, man, you're working at a pizza joint? That's a laugh!
He ha ha!
Hey why don't you join us?
GRAB
I-I'm working!
Don't be like that! We're having an all-night bachelor party!
This is Katsunori's brother Masatake You've seen him before, right? He owns the club you used to go to.
He's getting married tomorrow
This is his last night as a free man, so we're going balls out!
KTAK

Who's the kid?
His name's Ken. Katsunori was into him for a while.
Katsunori? Into a pizza boy?
Masatake
Ken may not look like much, but he takes clients. Women *and* men

I'm leaving
Katsunori you gave it to him, right?
M Masa-take!
Hmm
Wait, Ken!
It's a party
I...
At least congratulate him.
I'm not one of you anymore!!

What an ungracious party guest.
JEKK

YANK

Hold him down!
Ken.
KKRR
ugh!
BAM
We'll say you wanted it
What the hell are you doing?
Stop!

FLOP
This is the basement. Scream all you want. No one will hear you.
Actually, we like it better if you scream.

Uh
I wanna watch you make him come
Katsu-nori!
I won't let you!
You coward!
Katsu
I'm not in the mood for this

Tomorrow I'm giving myself to a woman.
UNZIP
Might as well make you my best man
Oh well
Hold him down tight

I should have guessed
You're used to this I see
RITSURO!
No need to be so shy then!

JERK
Ken?
RITSURO!!
GASP
SKREEK

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So, who's next?
You get it now?
This is what happens when you're not one of us

We don't do this to friends.
Nnnn
It'll be MORNING ..
RITSURO
You little...!
My tongue!
HELP ME!

You fucker!
KREEEE
OSAKA: DAY FOUR
OSAKA
And that's it!

KLINK
N-CHAN
I'm home!
KEN

I'LL SEE YOU SOON.
ZA!
TH-THUMP
Huh?
THE 10TH?
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This is today!

RIING
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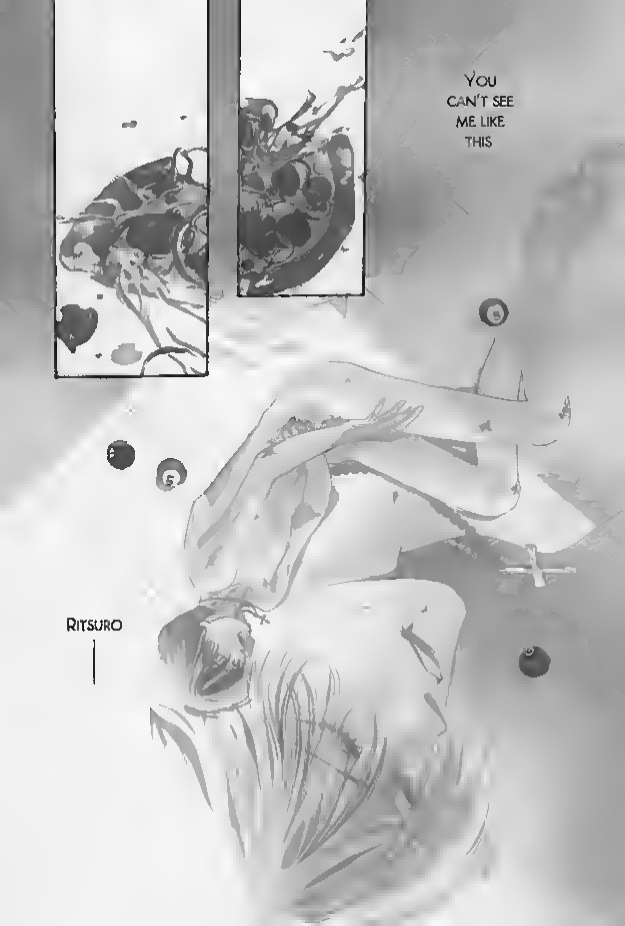
RIING

HIS MOM'S COMING TODAY?
OSAKA

Act Three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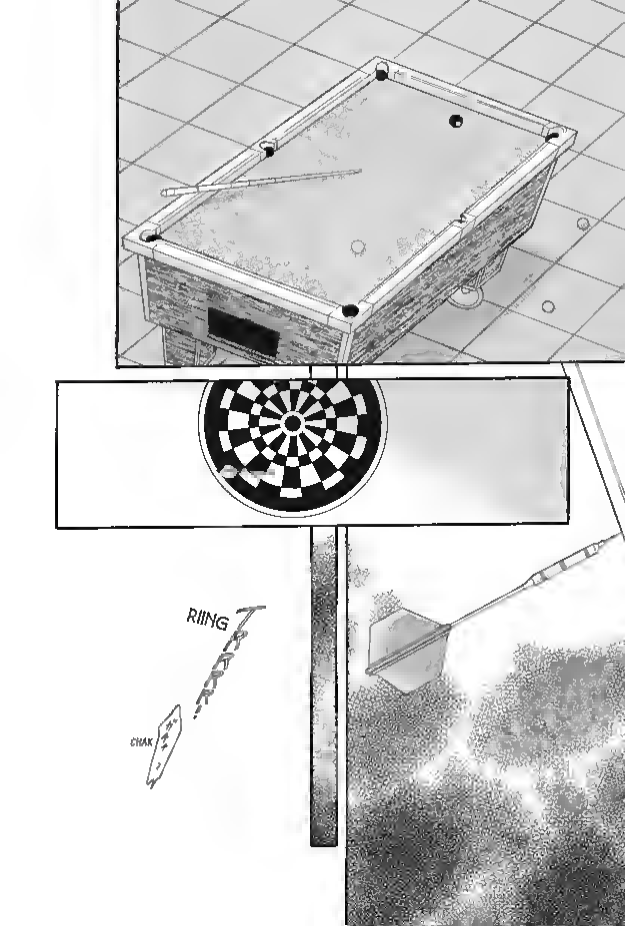
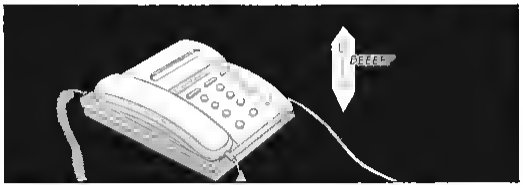
RITSURO


RIING
CHAK

ou?
ally miss
e come here,
every night. I
ay of telling me
d a son shouldn't
ing to Japan on
ou again. I want
with me. I want
You've reached the Amafuji residence.
I'm not home right now Please leave a message after the beep


BEEEP

Furukawa?
He didn't come back?
I don't think you're the type of guy to steal 20.000 yen.
I called Mr. Furukawa and he said you took the money and left
What happened? You didn't come back from that delivery last night
Huh?
Ken it's your manager. Are you there?
Did something happen? Call me back I'm worried.
DING DONG
K-CHAK
Ken?
TAK
Ken?
DING DONG
WHAT'S GOING ON?

Yoshinari?
Oh, Iwasaki
I decided I needed to apologize to Ken too. But if he's not home I'll come back later
The outsider retreats gracefully.
Wait, Iwasaki.
What?
I think...
Huh?
...something happened to Ken.

H-hey calm down. Do you know where Ken's last delivery was?
He has a license but he never drives so what if...!
What if he was in an accident? He's a delivery guy.
Huh?
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
Yoshinari?
Ken didn't come back last night. His work just called.
They said "Furukawa."
Furukawa? Is that a place?
Do you know him?
Furukawa?
His name was Furukawa?!
He delivered to a guy named Furukawa and never came back.

KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
Masa-take?
Wooooo! Yay!
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG

BAM
Knew what? Who's this Masetake guy?
I knew it!
He's the owner of a club we used to go to.
KRRK
KEN'S FORMER...?!
He got engaged recently and bought a new house. I was invited to the wedding.
Is he dangerous?
TAXI

Ken has such shitty luck!
Of all the coinci dences ...
Iwasaki
It can't be.
It can't ..
0136
KEN!

古川
KLAK
So, just gang raping you wasn't enough for them?

I feel bad for his wife... marrying a bastard like that.
He doesn't love her at all. He only married her for her money.
Don't worry. My brother won't be back for a while. He's on his honeymoon.
My parents would roll over in their graves if they knew.
Doesn't make me happy either.
CHAK
HUH?

There are voices coming from the basement.
Ken!
Who's there?!
Ken!!

You
It's the guy from the disco who stabbed Ken!
What'd you do to Ken?!
BAM
WHUMP

Ken?
T-TAK
HUH?
FLINCH
THOSE CUTS... THOSE BRUISES...
WERE YOU RAPED?!

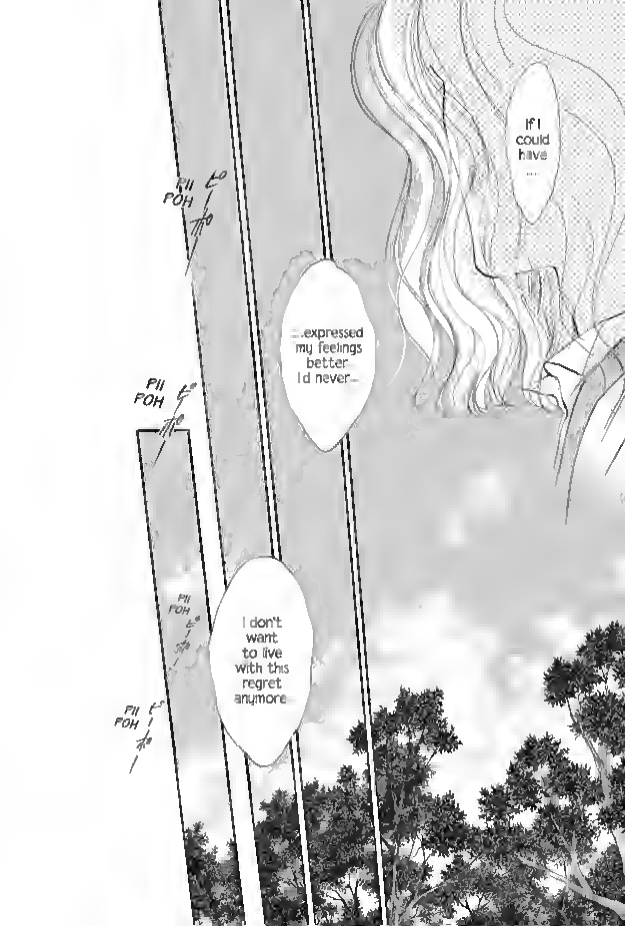
Ken.
Don't come near me!
Ken...
Stay back!
I'll kill myself if you come near me!
CHK
It doesn't matter right, if I kill this disgusting body?!
KEN?!
KKK
I'm...
What are you talking about?
ZIIO ZA!

Don't!
I won't let you!
Stay away!!
DRIP
DRIP
GASP

TAK
It's all right
Ritsu
KEN...

BIP
BIP
Hey
Send an ambulance to the Eighth Precinct in Ikessho, Honmachi
Call the police too
Yeah I'll explain.

People bored with normal life went there... and they went bad
At my brother's club... you could buy anything from sex to drugs
I'm so sick of this.
Sick of letting my brother drag me into his dirty lifestyle
FLIP
But Ken wesn't bored.
And he wasn't in it for the money
He wes different from the others
I watched him from efar and I...


If I could have ...
...expressed my feelings better I'd never—
I don't want to live with this regret anymore

KNOCK KNOCK
Ken Amafuji
CREEAK
Hey, Yoshinari. Wait!
NMIAN!

Huh?
Who is it?
Ritsuro?
Ken's.
Y-yes.
She made it to Japan.
Ken hasn't woken up yet. They said he didn't sleep much last night.

Mom?
Ken.
Ken, honey?
Mom
Ken!

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Ken, honey!
ZUO ZAI WO DE QIANMIAN!
Mom
Ken...
We should leave them alone
Iwa-saki
We can visit tomorrow
Let's go home
ZUO ZAI WO

Huh?
Hey Yoshinari
Can you imagine a family without any sense of what's normal or right?
You wake up and there's no one home
You go to school without breakfast.
IWASAKI?
It's so quiet you can hear the hum of the refrigerator
And when you get home there's still no one there

But Ken...
He left home without knowing what was normal.
I had my dad
We had dinner together at least once a week.
He started living alone like it was nothing
But he must have been lonely.
He must have missed her.
I know.

I KNOW KEN WANTS HIS MOTHER.
I KNOW THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.
I KNOW
I know that.
I CAN'T BE AWAY FROM YOU ANYMORE!
BUT I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO TAKE YOU AWAY.

I CAN'T BE APART FROM HIM
GRIP
CRUMPLE

DRUG BUS
Masatake Furukawa
Arrested at Airport
Katsunori
talked

EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OK NOW
IT REALLY IS
KEN.
Don't worry they just call him "an anonymous source."
REALLY
OKINAWA
It's great they let you out so quickly

I didn't get a chance to give you this It s a souvenir from Okinawa.
Why, thank you. Ritsuro.
Mom I
I want to talk to Ritsuro about it
It?
KEN?
Ken, we should invite Ritsuro over to celebrate your getting out of the hospital
Mom.. Sorry, but can I ask you to leave us?
OKINAWA

MEET?
KEN?
Ken honey
I'll meet you tomorrow
So could you please go back to the hotel?
Please

I'm going to Singapore
What?!
I can't get away from my past here!
No matter how hard I try, everyone around me...

KEN
I feel like, if I...
They...
...go live with my family in a place where no one knows me.
...I can start over
Singapore
Can I?
I want to change, more than anything
Can I, Ritsuro?

I can't tell you not to go
You're so..
Ritsuro
Ken
You'll be able to have a normal life...
...like you always wanted
It's not like we'll never see each other again. It's just
Ritsuro.

That's great
Just
Ken
K CHAK
Ritsu...
KLAK

HUH?
K CHOK
HHHUMP
How can you...?
Huh?

Ken.
You have to know everything
How can you smile like that?
How can you forgive me?
No matter how much my heart wanted only you, I came... Again and again
I don't need to hear it!
I was fucked by other people!
KEN!
Don't say it!

But the whole time, in your heart...
...you called my name, right?
I know
Ritsu
..

Ritsu
Ritsuro
Ritsuro!
I want you to erase all those men...
from my body
Is this, OK?

Hurry
STROKE
KEN
Mmm
CLATTER

KEN
Ritsuro
Ritsu
CLATTER
Ritsu
I.
I CAN'T IMAGINE A FUTURE WITHOUT YOU
I KNOW IT NOW
SKREEK
Ken

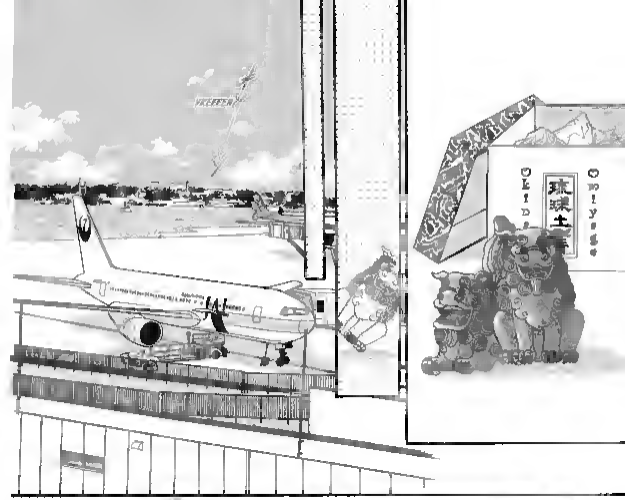
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH I'D DIE FOR YOU
Ken...
You're the only one who can change me
Change you how?
You're fine the way you are
KEN
This time you'll be the one
GRAB
Ritsu?
I WANT YOU
Do whatever you want
— TO CHANGE ME.
Mmm

I DON'T CARE IF YOU MESS ME UP
DYE ME YOUR COLORS
K-Ken
HURRY
HURRY!

You jerk
KEN!
JOLT
Don't tease me
MY HEART AND MY BODY..
I love you.
THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO TEAR

Ritsu, you're the only one!
KEN...
PANT
SKREEK
SKREEK
More!
KEN!
SKREEK
More!
SKREEK

KEN
SKREEK
SKREEK
I'D RATHER DIE THAN LET YOU GO.
Another round?
Ritsu?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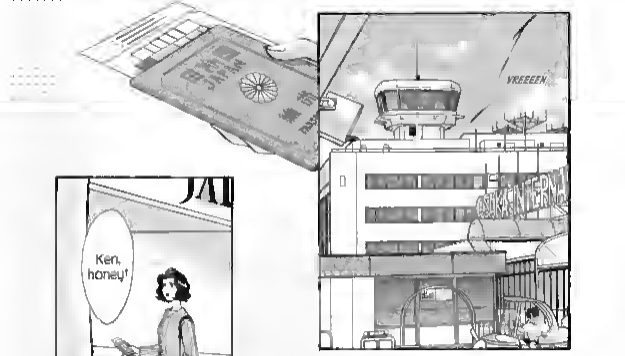
VREEEEN
JAL
Ken, honey!

SMILE
Oh my
Uh yaah
Did you two get a chance to talk last night?
Did you ask Ritsuro what he wants for a souvenir?
Hah
Did you pack enough short-sleaved shirts?
It's summer in Singapore
And your passport?
Got it

HUH?
Me with a suntan.
You're coming back?
I can only stay in Singapore for two weeks without a visa.

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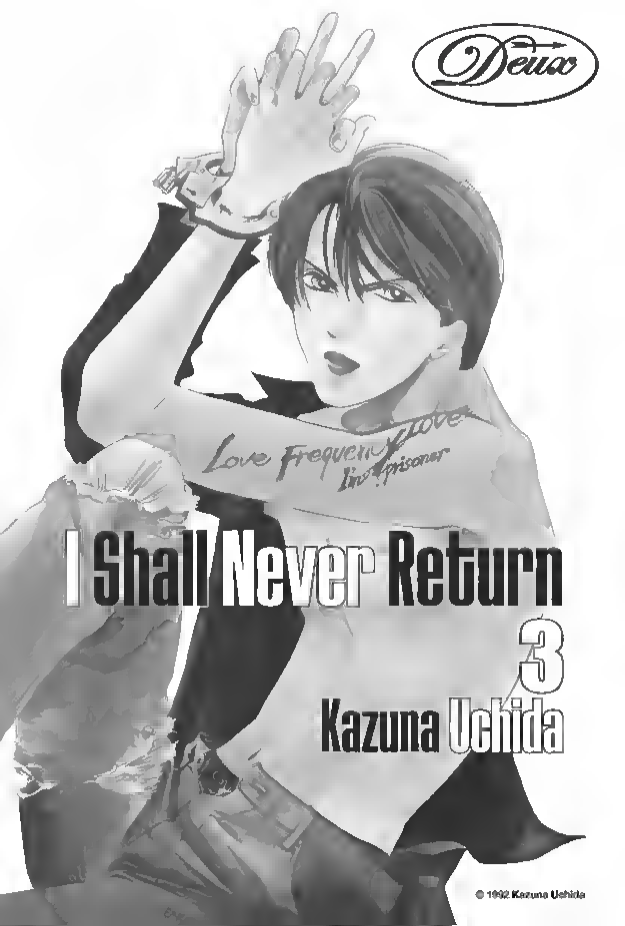
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Love Frequency
I'm a Prisoner
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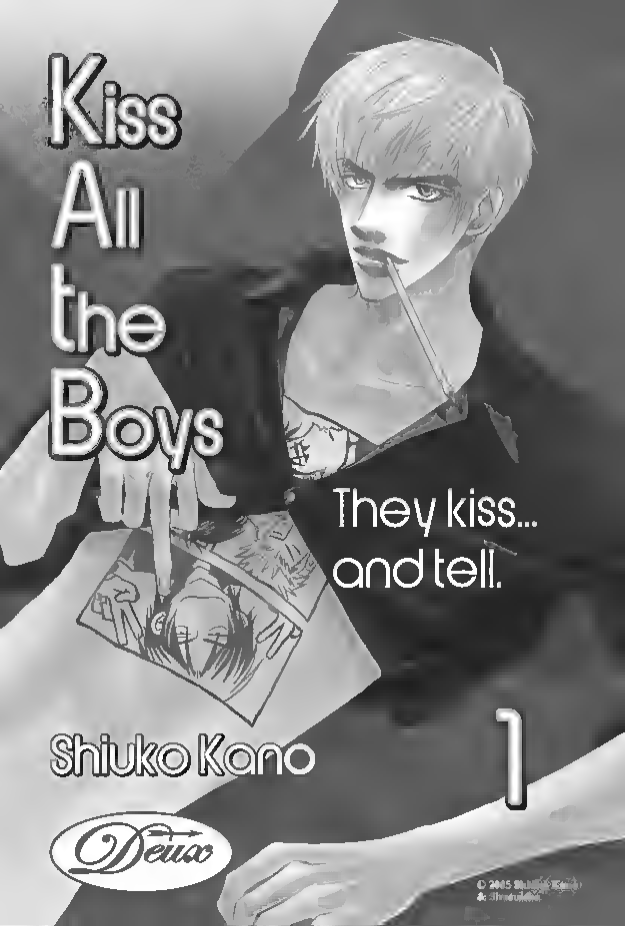
Kiss All the Boys
They kiss... and tell.
Shiuko Kano
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A Tempestuous Dance of Anguish and Passion!

Deuce

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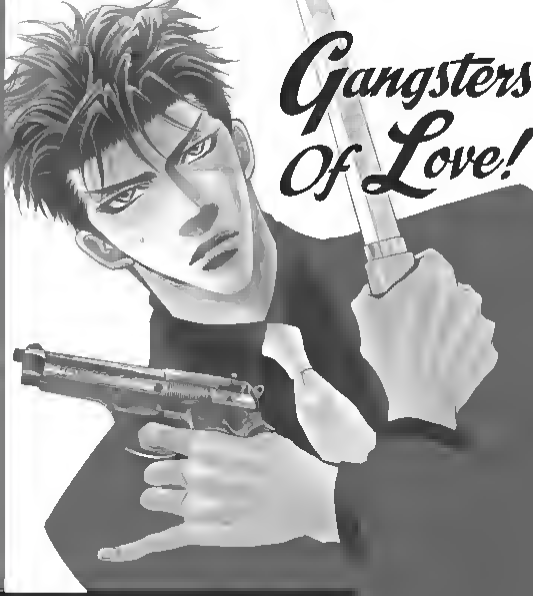

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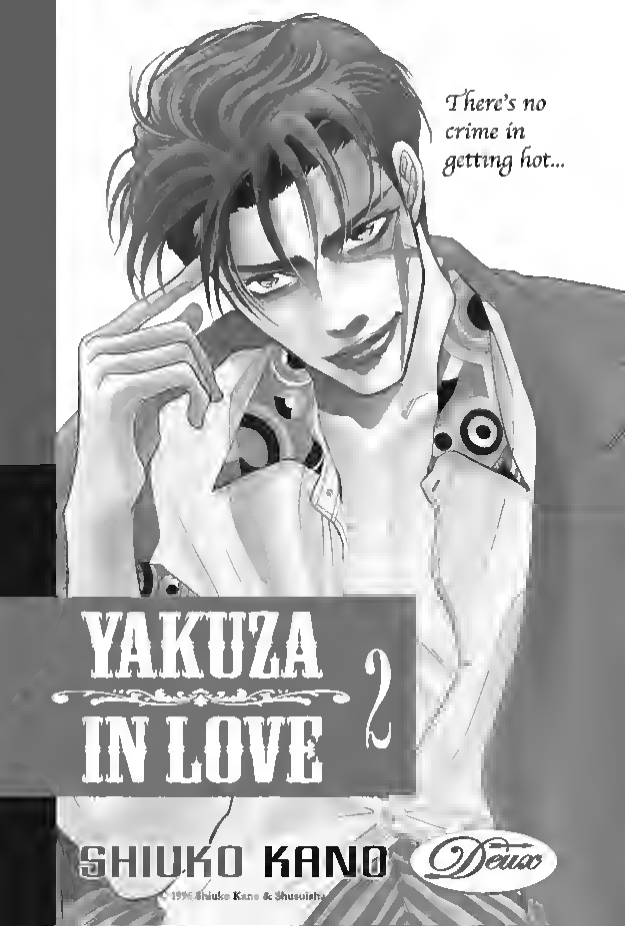

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